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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Guided Missiles and
Astronautics Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Commendation

1. As Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board and on behalf of the U. S. Government, I wish to commend you and the members of the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) for the outstanding work that has been displayed in developing timely and accurate assessments of Soviet missile types, capabilities and numbers present in Cuba.

2. The analysis of the Cuban photography by the GMAIC Deployment Working Group and the Defensive Missile Working Group and the all-source evaluations provided by the Committee have been of the utmost importance in supporting me and the President of the United States.

3. I am well aware of the tremendous pressures and long working hours represented by GMAIC's 25 meetings in the 26 days from 16 October through 16 November. While I regret that public acknowledgement of the contribution made by all the agencies and members of the Committee cannot be accorded, great pride should be taken in the high level of professional competence and devotion to duty which have been displayed.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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